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## Services, JSDF unite during relief efforts

Lance Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

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ATSUGI, Japan — Marines, sailors and soldiers with Logistics Combat Element, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Forward), worked with Japan Self-Defense Force personnel completing a variety of missions to aid the Japanese from March 18 to April 6.

The LCE, working from Sendai Airport, provided logistical support for Joint Support Force Japan. JSF-J, comprised of Japan and U.S. forces, oversaw the humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions of Operation Tomodachi in coordination with the Government of Japan following the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Honshu March 11.

Sendai Airport was inoperable, covered with the mud, debris and rubble left behind after a wall of water swept over the area. By March 18, LCE troops had the airport cleaned and repaired, allowing it to become a hub for the distribution of relief supplies.

Clearing the airport for use allowed 141 air missions to be flown into Sendai Airport.

“We received different (relief) supplies here almost daily. We received water and different types of clothing, food, toys, blankets and



Army Sgt. Joel Rodriguez, right, generator technician, and Capt. Adan Maldonado, middle, liaison officer to Japan Ground Self-Defense Force 5th Brigade, both with Joint Support Force Japan, work with a JGSDF member to move debris in Ishinomaki, Japan, April 1. The Logistics Combat Element, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Forward), led the U.S. forces participating in the cleanup which focused on preparing the school to reopen in the coming months. Photo by Lance Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

hygiene items,” said 1st Lt. Andrew Martin, officer-in-charge, Arrival Departure Air Control Group, LCE. “We basically served as the logistics hub, able to push out different

supplies to the affected areas.”

Most of the supplies were flown directly into the recently cleared airport where they

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## Marines remain ready to respond

Lance Cpl. Heather N. Choate

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd



U.S. Marines and sailors with III Marine Expeditionary Force, step off a KC-130J Super Hercules cargo aircraft in front of the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma passenger terminal April 5 as they travel from supporting Operation Tomodachi on mainland Japan. Photo by Lance Cpl. Robert J. Maurer

Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Forward), III MEF, traveled from Sendai, Japan, to Okinawa April 5 after assisting in relief efforts for Operation Tomodachi.

The U.S. military is positioning its forces for sustained support to the Government of Japan and Japan Self-Defense Force, mainly in and around the respective forward-deployed installations within Japan.

Operation Tomodachi is a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief mission led by the Government of Japan and conducted by U.S. military forces and Japan Self-Defense Forces. The operation is part of a larger U.S. response to the devastating earthquake and tsunami that hit northern Japan March 11.

Throughout relief efforts, Marines cleared debris and delivered supplies to help those affected by the disaster rebuild their lives.

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## Americans in Okinawa send relief donations

Sgt. Rebekka S. Heite

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

OKINAWA — As the people of Japan work to rebuild their lives following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, Americans in Okinawa have shown their support through donations.

Americans are known for being generous, especially in situations like this that take compassion, said Lt. Cmdr. Kobena Arthur, chaplain for Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

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### WORKING TOGETHER

Nations pull together to pick through wreckage, clean, and begin to rebuild the lives affected by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

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### MARINE PROUD TO HELP

Marine mechanic helps deliver heating fuel to mainland Japan as part of Operation Tomodachi. He is proud to be able to help out.

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# MCB commanding general commends US, JSDF personnel

“Japan is traveling the road to recovery. As humanitarian and relief efforts evolve to rehabilitation and reconstruction, we remain ready to provide assistance at the Government of Japan’s request.”

**Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri**

During the past four weeks, III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan Marines and sailors deployed to Honshu for Operation Tomodachi have worked long hours providing vital assistance to those devastated by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Working hand in hand with the Japan Self-Defense Force, Marines and sailors delivered food, fuel, water and other supplies to distribution points at remote locations throughout northern Japan. They installed shower facilities in a community center in Matsushima and other locations, providing displaced people with showers for the first time since the disaster. Marines and sailors helped repair and clean Sendai Airport, allowing it to become a hub for the distribution of relief supplies. In Noda and other places, Marines and sailors helped clean mud and debris from public facilities to help people resume their lives and return to a sense of normalcy.

I want to thank you for the hours you’ve spent away from family and friends, your compassion and concern for the well-being of the Japanese and for



**Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri is commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.**

your hard work during the last four weeks. The dedication and professionalism you have exhibited are a tribute to our Corps.

Thank you also, to the Marines, sailors and civilian employees who remained behind on Okinawa. Many of you worked round-the-clock shifts providing transportation, flight line operations, planning and other support to those deployed to mainland. Thank you also to our families who endured separation from deployed loved ones as well as

the long work hours of those supporting deployed operations from Okinawa.

The Government of Japan and JSDF have led an unprecedented humanitarian assistance effort following one of the largest earthquakes in Japan’s history and the devastation of the resulting tsunami.

Japan is traveling the road to recovery. As humanitarian and relief efforts evolve to rehabilitation and reconstruction, we remain ready to provide assistance at the Government of Japan’s request. Our alliance, which has already seen more than 50 years, will endure stronger than ever, ensuring continued stability and security in the region.

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## AROUND THE CORPS



**A Basic Rider Course student conducts motorcycle safety training at the South Mesa riding range on Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30. Camp Pendleton’s Base Safety Center offers different courses designed to ensure military personnel reduce the risks associated with riding a motorcycle.** Photo by Lance Cpl. John Robbart III



**Lance Cpl. Matthew Dyke, left, and Lance Cpl. Zachary Brizio, both with 1st Platoon, Company I, Battalion Landing Team 3/8, Regimental Combat Team 8, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force, set in their M240B machine gun during a security patrol in Helmand province’s Green Zone, west of the Nahr-e Saraj Canal March 27. Elements of 26th MEU deployed to Afghanistan to provide regional security in Helmand province in support of the International Security Assistance Force.** Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Bryce Piper



**A Marine with I Marine Expeditionary Force reunites with a loved one March 28 after returning to Camp Pendleton, Calif., after a yearlong deployment in Afghanistan.** Photo by Sgt. Marcy Sanchez

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Cars and debris lie amid rice paddies in one of the most devastated areas of Oshima March 27. Photo by Lance Cpl. Garry J. Welch

# Navy-Marine team brings needed relief to isolated island

**Lance Cpl. Garry J. Welch**  
31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

OSHIMA, Japan — Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and Amphibious Squadron 11, brought needed disaster relief supplies and Japanese electrical utility trucks here March 27.

Oshima, which lies off the coast of Honshu, has been without running water and electricity since the massive earthquake and subsequent tsunami ravaged the north-east coast of Japan March 11.

"This island was supplied with water from a pipeline from mainland Japan," said Kiichiro Onodera, a local city worker. "After the earthquake, the tsunami destroyed the pump station. Since then, people have purified the water in the city pool and made it drinkable. That's all we had."

The Marines and sailors delivered nearly 2,000 gallons of water to the island on two U.S. Navy landing craft. Approximately 900 gallons were transported directly to a junior high school which was being used as a shelter for 450 Japanese civilians displaced by the disaster.

"This water will help supply over 3,000 people," Onodera said. "People will now be able to shower and do things they have not been able to do since the disaster happened."

The U.S. service members delivered 1,738 Meals, Ready-to-Eat, 136 tarps and 300 hygiene kits for the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force to distribute to those in need.

The Marines and sailors also transported local electrical utility vehicles from Kesennuma, located north of Sendai, to Oshima, to help restore power to the isolated community.

The trucks were brought from Kesennuma's port using the landing craft because the bridge linking the island to mainland Japan was

destroyed by the tsunami. Delivery of the trucks was essential to repairing the island's infrastructure.

"This will help us to restore vital lifelines to Oshima from Kesennuma as soon as possible. Oshima island residents are suffering greatly. These vehicles will help them and help ease the situation," said JSDF Maj. Shinya Takase, operations officer, 1st Division, 41st Infantry Regiment, in charge of disaster response in Kesennuma.

"At this moment, there is no other option to get these vehicles to Oshima," he said.

"Japanese forces and Marines are doing very well in working through this together. That is why we are so grateful for your help," Takase added.

By that afternoon, Marines received word the electricity had been restored for the first time in 16 days.

"We now have a 400 kilowatt emergency generator, two bucket trucks, one crane and a tools and materials truck, which arrived on your landing craft," said Sasaki Masaetsu, a maintenance manager in Kesennuma who was on Oshima to



Sailors with Amphibious Squadron 11 direct Japanese utility repair vehicles into a U.S. Navy landing craft at the dock in Kesennuma March 27. The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and PHIBRON-11 transported the vehicles from the port in Kesennuma to Oshima and also delivered food, water and hygiene kits to residents of the isolated island. The operation demonstrated the MEU's expeditionary capabilities in ship-to-shore amphibious operations. Photo by Capt. Caleb Eames



Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, sailors with Amphibious Squadron 11, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force personnel and local citizens unload food and water from a U.S. Navy landing craft at Oshima March 27. Photo by Capt. Caleb Eames

work on the infrastructure. "These trucks will help us provide power for the displaced persons' shelters and the remaining homes, so they can have heat and light. It is an extreme honor to have the Marines here. We did not expect it, and we are so thankful."

One 31st MEU Marine said he

too was thankful – thankful to help others in need.

"To be able to come out here and do this was mind-blowing," said Sgt. Kyle O. Mills, with 31st MEU. "We all saw the destruction on the news, but you just don't know what it's like until you are out here experiencing it firsthand. It was great to be able to do something to help these people."

"We came here to help our Japanese friends and support them in any way possible," said 1st Lt. Robert Jankowski, the engineering platoon commander with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st MEU. "This operation was very successful. We were able to give help and disperse aid to the displaced."

The 31st MEU's involvement is part of a larger U.S. government response to provide humanitarian aid and disaster relief to the people of Japan. U.S. military relief missions are part of Operation Tomodachi. The name Tomodachi, which means friendship in Japanese, was selected by Japan.

**BRIEFS****GASOLINE CHANGE ON OKINAWA**

Due to recent events in Japan, the normal availability of fuel supplied to Okinawa through U.S. government contracts has been affected. On a temporary basis beginning April 2, Army and Air Force Exchange Service fuel-filling stations on Okinawa will receive fuel that meets an octane level of 86 based on U.S. standards instead of the 93 octane normally provided.

The price of fuel at the fuel dispensers will be based on U.S.-surveyed prices for regular unleaded fuel, which will reflect a reduction in price of about 10 cents per gallon.

Fuel additives are available for purchase to assist those who may require a higher octane.

**III MEF BAND CONCERT: APRIL 8**

The III Marine Expeditionary Force Band performance, Coats of Red and Blue, a Night of American Music, will be held at the Camp Foster Theater April 8 at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The concert band and several ensembles featuring Marines from the III MEF band as well as the "President's Own" Marine Band will perform a wide variety of music.

For more information, call 645-3919.

**MACE TRAINING TEAM ON HANSEN**

The Martial Arts Center of Excellence is sending a Mobile Training Team to Camp Hansen April 11-15 to conduct an advanced training and recertification workshop.

For more information, or to attend an upcoming workshop, call (703) 432-6467 or DSN 378-6467 or e-mail daniel.clak@usmc.mil.

**LINKS FOR KIDS WORKSHOP**

A Links for Kids Workshop will be held at the Kishaba Youth Center on Camp Foster April 12 from 10 a.m.-noon. At the workshop, children ages 6-10 may connect with other children by sharing real-life experiences and discovering positive ways to deal with the challenges of growing up in the military. There will be crafts, games, discussions and snacks.

Registration is required. For more information, call 645-3698.

**NATIONAL HISTORY DAY VOLUNTEERS**

Judges are needed for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Okinawa District National History Day event April 22 at the Schilling Community Center on Kadena Air Base.

For more information, contact karen.luckenbaugh@pac.dodea.edu.

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# Marines gain knowledge of local culture

Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

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CAMP HANSEN — Marines from throughout the island gathered at the Camp Hansen staff noncommissioned officers lounge at the Palms for a cultural seminar to learn about the Okinawa culture March 23.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan coordinates the cultural seminars to educate Marines about Okinawan history.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is one of the local-level governmental entities here in Okinawa," said Kaori Martinez, the community relations officer for Marine Corps Bases Japan. "Their role is like our State Department: to take care of diplomatic issues in Okinawa."

"This seminar was implemented by MOFA as part of our education process to enhance the understanding and knowledge of the U.S. forces personnel stationed here on the history and culture of Okinawa and to appreciate the host community," Martinez said.

"We hold about 10 a year," she added.

This course has been implemented in the Corporal's Course on Camp Foster and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma as a professional military education class, she said.

Originally, the seminar was offered to officers only; the audience was later expanded, said Col. David P. Olszowy, Camp Hansen camp commander.

Olszowy explained to the Marines at the Palms the importance and purpose of the class prior to



Col. David P. Olszowy, Camp Hansen camp commander, gives an opening statement prior to a brief on Okinawan history at the staff noncommissioned officers lounge at the Palms March 23. Photo by Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

starting the presentation.

"Your decisions have a strategic impact," said Olszowy. "You guys are the ones out in town, really getting around and being with the people (of Okinawa)."

That is why it is so important that NCOs and SNCOs attend this course, he added.

Knowing the history of a people and their cultural background help people better understand one another, said Kazuhiko Nakamoto, an archivist with the Okinawa Prefecture Archives who spoke at the presentation.

"I truly believe it is good for both of us to build a better understanding," he said.

Nakamoto lived in the United States for 12 years and attended the University of Maryland. He attributes his time in Maryland to a better understanding of the American people.

Throughout the presentation, Nakamoto explained Japanese sentiment about the American

culture from World War II to present day.

Nakamoto explained how Okinawa evolved, Japan's role in World War II and mannerisms of the Japanese people.

He also detailed Okinawa's past governments and the former rulers of the island.

"When you have the knowledge, you can speak intelligently on a subject," said Gunnery Sgt. Hewitt Ballard, the logistics chief for Camp Hansen and an attendee of the meeting.

"They have a heightened awareness," Ballard said about the Marines attending the seminar.

The seminar armed them with the information to prevent mishaps, he added.

At the end of the seminar, Nakamoto left the Marines with one piece of advice.

"The past is prologue," he said, meaning lessons of the past should be a stepping stone to a better future.

## O-course opens on Kinser



Above: Sgt. Jesus J. Colon, an armorer with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, traverses the new obstacle course on Camp Kinser March 31. Left: Colon shows Marines a technique for climbing a rope obstacle on Camp Kinser's new obstacle course. Construction of the course began in June 2010 and was completed in March. Colon said he believes the course will help build morale, confidence and improve the physical fitness of the Marines on Camp Kinser. The course was built by 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd MLG, and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler Facilities Engineering Department. Photos by Pfc. Daniel E. Valle



**TRAVEL** FROM PG 1

Chief Warrant Officer Gregory M. Dangremond, a supply officer with CLR-35, said the primary effort of his Marines was to clear debris at Sendai Airport.

"This is the most rewarding operation I have ever been a part of," said Dangremond.

"It was an amazing experience, and it feels

great to be back from Sendai," he said.

Master Sgt. Tarik Inge, with CLR-35 said some of his Marines helped clean out schools and distribute supplies directly to those who needed it.

Inge said he and his Marines benefited greatly from assisting in the operations.

"Working with our Japanese counterparts

was a great opportunity," said Inge.

"They were very appreciative of the Marines' hard work," he said.

Working alongside JSDF members felt like a friendship, according to Inge.

"My favorite part was being able to see the progress we Marines had made once we left," he said.

**LCE** FROM PG 1

were staged before being pushed further into the affected areas.

"We were able to get 95% of our supplies from Okinawa, from flights out of (Marine Corps Air Station) Futenma, straight into Sendai," said Master Sgt. Tarik Inge, distribution liaison cell staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, LCE.

The LCE also supported convoy supply operations delivering supplies to the surrounding areas. The JSDF took the lead on these supply operations, coordinating with the LCE to plan and support the convoys.

"The Japanese would communicate to us what they needed, and where they wanted it, and we would push it out," said Martin. "Whatever we did, we always had a Japanese escort. They would take the lead, and we would support them."

Convoys delivered 45,200 gallons of water, a half ton of rice, one ton of hygiene kits, one ton of toys, 350 barrels of diesel fuel and 396 barrels of kerosene. The convoys also delivered eight shower facilities and coordinated with the Air Combat Element to install the showers in camps where people displaced by the disaster had gathered.

In addition to distributing supplies, LCE service members participated in debris clearing and other humanitarian assistance operations.

They recovered 4,800 vehicles, 12

aircraft and seven helicopters. They helped clean up two schools to be used as camps for people left homeless by the disaster and helped clear out other schools in preparation for Japanese school children to return to school in coming months. In all, they helped remove some 2.5 million cubic feet of mud and debris.

"The school cleaning mission was very important. We pushed out as many Marines as we could daily with shovels ... to shovel out mud and interact with the local people," said Martin. "We worked on schools in Ishinomaki, Onagawa and Minota trying to get them back on their feet."

The LCE missions were a joint effort among its elements: Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force; the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, based at Sagami Depot, Japan, and Task Force Fuji elements, Inge said.

"It went beyond contributing what we do for our jobs every day," Inge said of the myriad missions completed by the Marines, sailors and soldiers of the LCE.

The LCE was a key player in Operation Tomodachi, providing the command and control necessary for the successful completion of numerous missions, according to Maj. Rob Warfield, current operations chief, G-4, 3rd MEB (Fwd).



**Marines from Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Task Force Fuji, both with Joint Support Force Japan, carry a load of dirt and debris to a collection point in the schoolyard in Ishinomaki, Japan, April 1.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. Mark W. Stroud



**Volunteers sort and box up clothing at the USO on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma April 6 for shipment to mainland Japan to aid in the relief efforts.** Photo by Sgt. Rebekka S. Heite

**DONATE** FROM PG 1

In Okinawa, multiple authorized organizations collected clothing, food and cash donations for those affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

Donated clothes, food, hygiene items and blankets for the earthquake and tsunami survivors filled two oversized rooms at the USO on MCAS Futenma.

Donated items included store-bought clothes still bearing tags, brand-new handmade clothes and some lightly-used clothes.

Everything that was collected during the MCAS Futenma drive was "all quality, even the used items are in good condition," said Arthur.

The Kadena Youth Center, at Kadena Air Base, collected more than 300 boxes of items for the relief effort during its daylong donation drive.

The donations "just exploded," said Geoff Rhinehart, the director of the Kadena Youth Center.

"The community's outreach has just been amazing," he said.

Canned food donations made at the Camp Courtney commissary have exceeded \$8,000 worth of goods, said Sterling Johnson, Camp Courtney commissary grocery manager.

Though originally scheduled to end March 31, the Camp Courtney commissary has extended the canned food collection because of local interest, said Sterling.

The American Red Cross at Kadena Air Base collected \$65,593 and at Camp Foster collected \$9,248 in donations as of April 5. The donations will be used for relief efforts.

"It's been amazing, the community coming together," said Jessica Muniz, Kadena Red Cross field office coordinator.

Navy Federal Credit Union branch offices in Okinawa collected a truckload of clothes, toiletry items, blankets and food and more than \$1,000.

"They're very generous," said Katya Blissard, assistant manager of the Navy Federal Credit Union aboard Camp Hansen, about those who have donated to the relief efforts. "We're all in it together."

The Armed Services Blood Bank also collected more blood donations than normal as service members and Department of Defense contractors searched for ways to aid the relief efforts.

ASBB sent blood with the military units deployed in support of the relief efforts in addition to sending blood with all the units participating in exercises off island, said Douglas Kennedy, an ASBB recruiter.

# Nations work together to cleanup,

Marines, sailors and Japanese civilians offload supplies at Uranhama Port in Oshima, Japan, April 3. The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit was aiding local government authorities during the clean up after an earthquake and tsunami struck the island March 11.

*Photo by Cpl. Megan Angel*



Marines and sailors with Joint Support Team members distribute supplies to students in Japan, April 1. Girl Scouts from U.S. Army provide them with toys and food for the students.



U.S. service members, Japan Self-Defense Force members and Ishinomaki High School students work together to clean the school in Ishinomaki, Japan, March 30. U.S. service members provide assistance in support of Operation Tomodachi. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez*

# rebuild lives during Operation Tomodachi



Force Japan hand out backpacks to students at a school in Ishinomaki, Japan. The 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force Japan Base, Camp Zama, collected more than 300 backpacks and filled them with supplies for students affected by the tsunami and earthquake. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Mark W. Stroud*



Service members were working with their Japanese counterparts to



Lance Cpl. Garrett Williams, with 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, clears debris April 1 in the tsunami-ravaged city of Noda, Japan. More than 80 sailors, Marines, airmen and civilians participated in this cleanup operation as part of Operation Tomodachi.

*Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Matthew Bradley*



Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck, middle, III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general and commander of Joint Task Force 505, is briefed by Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Lt. Gen. Eiji Kimizuka, left, commanding general of Joint Task Force Tohoku at Uranohama Port on Oshima, Japan, April 3. *Photo by Cpl. Megan Angel*



**Sgt. Maj. Cevet A. Adams, middle, returns the sword of office to Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, right, commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler and deputy commander of Marine Corps Bases Japan, as incoming Sgt. Maj. Patrick L. Kimble, looks on at a post and relief ceremony at the Camp Foster theater March 25. Adams will assume duties as the sergeant major of Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, in Quantico, Va. Photo by Lance Cpl. Robert J. Maurer**

# MCBJ welcomes senior enlisted

**Pfc. Daniel E. Valle**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — Sgt. Maj. Cevet A. Adams passed the sword of office as sergeant major for Marine Corps Bases Japan to Sgt. Maj. Patrick L. Kimble at a post and relief ceremony here March 25.

“I look forward to doing everything I can to make Okinawa a great experience for our Marines,” said Kimble, whose previous assignment was as sergeant major of Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, Headquarters Marine Corps, in Quantico, Va.

“It’s great to be here. I’m excited to get started, and if there is anything I can do for you let me know because I am here to serve you,” Kimble said.

Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler and deputy commander of MCBJ, explained to those gathered for the ceremony the importance of the sergeant major in mission accomplishment.

“At the end of the day, any time a commander wants a job done they turn to their senior enlisted advisor,” said Talleri. “My right arm is my sergeant major. He, as an individual, has the self-initiative, burning desire, passion and wisdom that I need in order to serve, to the best of my ability, as a leader.”

Adams thanked the Marines, sailors and civilians he worked with while he was here. He served as a sergeant major on Okinawa for five years. He was the sergeant major for Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, for two years before becoming MCBJ’s senior enlisted advisor.

Adams will assume duties as the sergeant major of Manpower and Reserve Affairs, HQMC, in Quantico, Va.

# Camp Foster Mess Hall celebrates grand reopening

**Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Holland**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — After almost two years of renovations, the Camp Foster Mess Hall officially reopened its doors March 29.

Renovations began in June 2009, and all mess hall operations were moved to the vacated Globe and Anchor Club, according to Master Sgt. Charles James, mess hall manager with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

During construction, the building received a complete makeover.

“The entire building was renovated to include new air flow, fire suppression and boiler systems, office spaces, kitchen, ceilings, walls, doors and 99 percent new equipment,” said James. “The exterior was also repainted and given a face-lift.”

The renovations cost approximately \$4.5 million and required 87,800 hours of labor.

The renovations will improve quality of life and morale for those who eat at the new mess hall due to the updated and comfortable environment, said James.

“Morale is directly tied to mission accomplishment,” said James. “I think with the environment the new facility has set up for the Marines and sailors, the mission will continue to be accomplished.”

Col. Nicholas Nanna, commanding officer of H&S Bn., Camp Butler, and Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of Camp Butler and deputy commander of Marine Corps Bases Japan, were present for the grand opening to cut the ribbon, tour the new facility and interact with mess hall patrons.

“I’m very impressed with the renovations,” said Talleri. “This facility will be a great place for Marines to come together to eat, converse and fuel themselves to complete the mission.”

Lance Cpl. Jenna Thomas, an electrician with Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, the first Marine to be served at the new mess hall, said the end product of the renovations was well worth the wait.

“When I arrived on-island, the mess hall was already closed for renovations, so I’m not sure how it looked before, but I really like the setup,” said Thomas. “The food and service was great. I hope everyone who had any part in the renovations knows they are appreciated.”

James said he hopes the new facility with its new services will be an incentive for Marines to eat here.

“With the new facility, the patronage has gone up tremendously, which means we get more money to provide services to Marines. If Marines on meal cards consistently eat here, the quality and quantity of food will continue to increase,” said James. “Some of the improvements we’ve already implemented are submarine toasting, meat and vegetable grilling, a walk-up window and a hand-made pizza and pasta bar.”

Marines are encouraged to submit ideas, questions or concerns for improvements to the Camp Foster Mess Hall at 645-7158.

“Don’t hesitate to bring any ideas to management’s attention,” said James. “If it’s something popular and cost effective, we’ll be more than willing to add it to our growing list of existing services.”



**Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler and deputy commander of Marine Corps Bases Japan, chats with junior Marines during lunch after the grand reopening of the Camp Foster Mess Hall March 29. Photo by Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Holland**



Cpl. Tori K. Tadehara, a heavy equipment mechanic, Task Force Fuji, fixes a 7-ton truck March 25 that broke down in Sendai, Japan. The truck was part of a convoy supplying kerosene for heating to areas of Japan hardest hit by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

# Marine 'proud' to help during Operation Tomodachi

Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Mark W. Stroud  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Cpl. Tori K. Tadehara was a passenger in the back of a 7-ton cargo truck headed back to temporary billeting where he would be able to catch a few hours of sleep before hitting the road again.

The night temperature was 15 degrees Fahrenheit. The dark was broken only by the glow of the headlights from the next truck in the convoy. The headlight beams were seeping through the countless holes and cracks in the canvas that served as the only barrier between the Marines and night.

Tadehara, a heavy equipment mechanic with Task Force Fuji, was returning to Sendai, Japan, after dropping off kerosene to areas hardest hit by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

"Kerosene is how they heat their homes; it's how they stay warm at night," said 1st Lt. Eric Harley, a platoon commander with Task Force Fuji. "It is very cold. It's 33 degrees (Fahrenheit) right now, and it's in the day, so it gets very cold at night."

Tadehara said the cold weather was nothing new to him, but mainland Japan's humidity was a reminder for him of how far away from home he was.

"I grew up in Salt Lake City, so I'm used to the cold," said Tadehara. "There is more moisture in the air here though; it chills the air a lot more than the dry cold."

The convoy was passing through villages completely destroyed March 11. Recipients of



**Task Force Fuji Marines and Japan Self-Defense Force personnel unload barrels of kerosene from a convoy at Sendai, Japan, March 24. Shelters, group homes and temporary Japan Self-Defense Force bases established to conduct disaster relief and humanitarian assistance operations received the kerosene to be used as heating fuel. Throughout the three-day mission, Task Force Fuji Marines and sailors delivered 140 barrels of kerosene while traveling more than 400 miles on mountain roads in temperatures frequently below freezing.**

the kerosene supplies the convoy carried had lost everything and were living in shelters set up by the Japanese government.

"Some of the villages had nothing left but the foundations of houses," said Harley. "When we got into those villages, we'd be driving along, and there'd be a 40-foot yacht in the middle of the road. It was startling."

The work and the chilling cold were worth it when the convoy stopped and delivered its supplies of fuel, said Tadehara.

"When I got to go out and see the end result and contribute to the Japanese civilians – see the little kids smile – it was all worth it," said Tadehara.

With the eyes of the world on Japan right now, Tadehara feels

lucky to be one of the few who can go out and help the victims.

"A lot of people really want to go and help. I've talked to one of my Japanese friends, a firefighter on Camp Fuji, and he was really passionate about trying to come with us," said Tadehara. "So, I feel very fortunate to be out here."

Even half a world away, back in the U.S., Tadehara's friends have expressed their desire to come here and pitch in, he said.

"I've talked to my judo sensei who is back in the states, and he really wanted to come here and help," said Tadehara. "He wants everyone to know that the Japanese will pull through; that they are strong."

Serving in the Marine Corps,

Tadehara said he had the training and the opportunity to go into the heart of the disaster area and help those who needed it most.

"When I joined, I had the intent of serving my country honorably. I never knew I was going to be in Japan helping out the Japanese people and being an ambassador, but I'm very proud that I am," said Tadehara.

"We are always ready," said Tadehara. "Responding to these types of situations is an especially important role ... considering where we are located in the Pacific on the ring of fire."

The role, while challenging, was also rewarding for the Marines with Task Force Fuji, Tadehara said. He said his most rewarding moment was finding new teammates in the fight to help out those affected.

"I was on a Japanese base, and a soldier from the (Japan Self-Defense Force and I) started talking. We shared (Meals, Ready-to-Eat), and our friends started coming over. Pretty soon, everyone was sitting there eating and talking together," said Tadehara. "We found more brothers in arms, and we all had the same goal."

As the convoy winds down for the night and draws back to the Japanese military base providing temporary lodging for the Marines, Tadehara is grateful for the warmth and the opportunity to get a few hours of sleep, but he is also looking forward to getting back on the road delivering supplies the next day.

"I just want to get my feet warm and my body rested, so I can hit it full speed tomorrow," said Tadehara.

# SECOND TIME AROUND

## Marine answers call of Corps

# TWICE

Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Holland  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

On Dec. 7, 1987, Derrick Butler raised his right hand and swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, as a United States Marine.

More than a decade later, on July 6, 1999, he swore the oath a second time.

Although the circumstances behind each oath were radically different, both carried great pride and a sense of achievement, said Butler, a St. Louis native.

"My first enlistment was the result of a Marine Corps recruiter calling for my friend, and me picking up the phone. It was completely by chance," Butler said. "The second time I enlisted, it was because the company I was working for shut down, and I missed the military way of life."

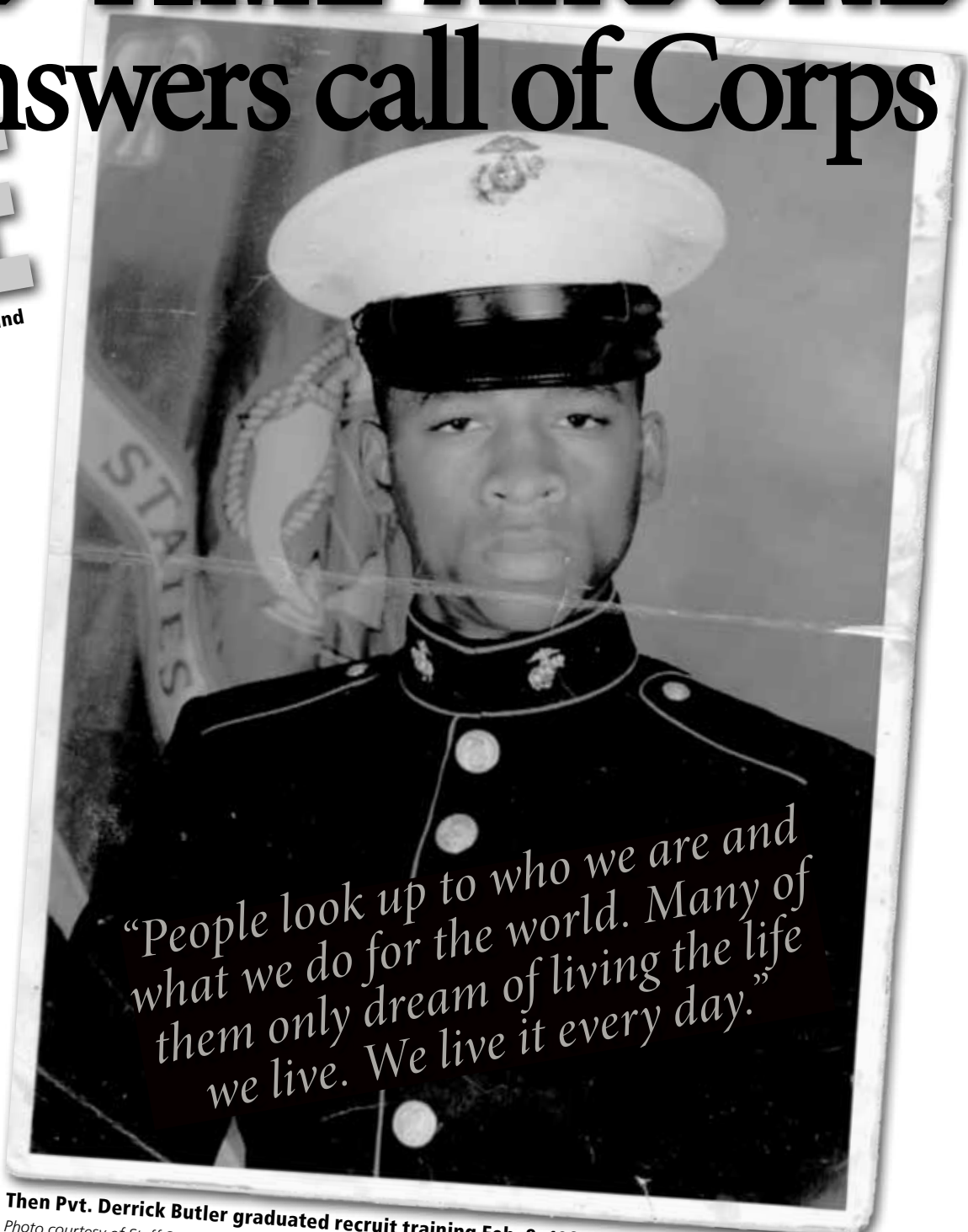
Working as a cook throughout his first enlistment, Butler was unable to re-enlist at the end of his contract and left the Corps as a corporal. He moved to Missouri where he worked at Cupples Rubber Company, a manufacturing and exporting factory.

When the factory closed its doors in 1999, he re-enlisted in the Corps.

The Corps he returned to has undergone major changes since the late 1980s, but his love for the brotherhood has not changed, said Butler, who is now a staff sergeant.

"The Corps is still near and dear to my heart, no matter how much it has changed," Butler said. "No challenge I have faced since my return has been too overwhelming to face. I just adapt and overcome."

Now a construction wireman with Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Butler



"People look up to who we are and what we do for the world. Many of them only dream of living the life we live. We live it every day."

Then Pvt. Derrick Butler graduated recruit training Feb. 8, 1988.  
Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Derrick Butler

said the valuable leadership skills he learned in the 80s still apply today.

His Marines agreed.

"Staff Sgt. Butler is a mainstay in his junior Marines' lives because he has the 'Marines

are family' mindset everyone needs when things get rough," said Sgt. Benjamin Martin, a telephone surveyor who has known Butler since 2002. "He's the Marine that gives you the safety brief and instills in you the pride in watching out for the Marine to the left and right of you. I couldn't ask for a better staff noncommissioned officer."

"We fought hard and played hard back in the day, but the day-to-day battle is much harder now than it was back then," Butler explained. "I'm so glad the tools I acquired in the past help me to relate to and teach the new generation of Marines today."

Butler plans to retire in five years and said he hopes to pick up gunnery sergeant before the time comes.

For Marines who struggle day-to-day or regret their decision to join, Butler shared some words of advice.

"Boot camp may not be a dreamboat, but to travel, see the world and embrace so many different cultures can be inspiring," Butler said. "People look up to who we are and what we do for the world. Many of them only dream of living the life we live. We live it every day."



Staff Sgt. Derrick Butler, who has an almost 12-year gap between his first and second enlistments in the Marine Corps, is a construction wireman with Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

Photo illustration by Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Holland

## In Theaters Now

APRIL 8 - APRIL 14

## FOSTER

**TODAY** III MEF Band Concert  
**SATURDAY** Mars Needs Moms (PG), noon; The Eagle (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; The Rite (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Mars Needs Moms (PG), 1 p.m.; The Eagle (PG13), 4 p.m.; The Dilemma (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Sanctum (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** The Roommate (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** The Green Hornet (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** The Eagle (PG13), 7 p.m.

## FUTENMA

**TODAY** Sanctum (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Season of the Witch (PG13), 4 p.m.; The Rite (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** No Strings Attached (R), 4 p.m.; Sanctum (R), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Paul (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Closed  
**THURSDAY** Closed

## HANSEN

**TODAY** The Eagle (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Roommate (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Paul (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** The Fighter (R), 2 p.m.; The Eagle (PG13), 5:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** The Fighter (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** The Roommate (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** The Eagle (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Sucker Punch (PG13), 7 p.m.

## COURTNEY

**TODAY** Sanctum (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Yogi Bear (PG), 2 p.m.; No Strings Attached (R), 6 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Paul (R), 2 and 6 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Sanctum (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Sucker Punch (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Closed

## KADENA

**TODAY** The Eagle (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Roommate (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** The Eagle (PG13), noon; Sucker Punch (PG13), 3, 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** The Eagle (PG13), 1 p.m.; Sucker Punch (PG13), 1 and 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** The Eagle (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Paul (R), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Paul (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Paul (R), 7 p.m.

## KINSER

**TODAY** The Eagle (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** The Roommate (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** The Roommate (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Closed  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Rango (PG), 3 and 6:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** The Roommate (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

## SCHWAB

**TODAY** The Lincoln Lawyer (R), 7 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** No Strings Attached (R), 5 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Sanctum (R), 5 p.m.  
**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

## THEATER DIRECTORY

**CAMP FOSTER** 645-3465  
**KADENA AIR BASE** 634-1869  
 (USO NIGHT) 632-8781  
**MCAS FUTENMA** 636-3890  
 (USO NIGHT) 636-2113  
**CAMP COURTNEY** 622-9616  
**CAMP HANSEN** 623-4564  
 (USO NIGHT) 623-5011  
**CAMP KINSER** 637-2177  
**CAMP SCHWAB** 625-2333  
 (USO NIGHT) 625-3834

Movie schedule is subject to change without notice.  
 Call in advance to confirm show times. For a complete listing, visit [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com).



## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information, or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681.

## NEW REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING - APRIL 11

- The SMP new representative training will be at the SMP main office on Camp Foster, building 5674, April 11 at 3 p.m.

## SMP BOWLING PARTY AND TOURNAMENT - APRIL 22

- The SMP Bowling Party and Tournament will be at the Camp Foster Bowling Center from 6-9 p.m. This event is open to single and unaccompanied Marines and sailors island wide. Free pizza for the first 100 people to show up.

## SMP DISCOVER GOLF

- Free golf lessons for single Marines and sailors will be offered on the first and third Friday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at Taiyo Golf Course. Participants will meet at the SMP office on Camp Foster by 8 a.m. Lessons are provided on a space-available basis. To sign up, contact the SMP office.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Tengan Castle Family Night:** Volunteer to assist at the family nights every Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at the Camp Courtney Tengan Castle.
- Month of the Military Child:** Volunteer to assist with the closing ceremony for the Month of the Military Child April 22 from 1-5 p.m. at the Camp Foster Child Development Center.
- Kinser Elementary School Reading Program:** Volunteer at the Kinser Elementary School Reading Program on Camp Kinser each Friday from 8:45-11 a.m. except on non-school days and half days. Volunteers will work under the direction of the classroom teacher and instruct students in reading, writing and arithmetic activities.

Mention of any company in this notice does not constitute endorsement by the Marine Corps.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

## CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486

- Catholic:** Mon-Fri, 11:45 a.m.; Sat, 5 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.
- Christian Science:** Sun, 11 a.m., Bldg. 442
- Eastern Orthodox:** Divine Liturgy, Sun, 9:30 a.m.; Vespers, Sat, 5 p.m.
- Gospel:** Sun, 11:30 a.m.; 2nd, 3rd Sun, Children's Church, 11 a.m.
- Jewish:** (Informal) 1st, 3rd Fri, 6:30 p.m.
- Latter Day Saints:** Mon, 6:30 p.m.
- Muslim:** Prayer, Fri, 12:45 p.m.
- Protestant:** Sun, 8:30 a.m.
- Seventh Day Adventist:** Sat, 9:30 a.m., at Torii Station 644-5701/644-4281

## CAMP SCHWAB | 622-9350

- Catholic:** Sun, 5:30 p.m.
- Protestant:** Sun, 4 p.m.

## CAMP LESTER | 643-7248

- Catholic:** Sun, 8 a.m.
- Non-Denominational:** Sun, 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel; Sun, 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

## CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

- Catholic:** Sun, 10 a.m., East Chapel
- Latter Day Saints:** Wed, 6:30 p.m., Library
- Protestant:** Sun, 11 a.m., West Chapel

## CAMP McTUREOUS | 622-9350

- Gospel:** Sun, 12:30 p.m.

## CAMP KINSER | 637-1148

- Catholic:** Sun, noon
- Protestant:** Sun, 9:30 a.m.

## CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

- Catholic:** Sun, 8 a.m., Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 11:30 a.m.
- Protestant:** Sun, 10:45 a.m.

## KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

[WWW.KADENACHAPEL.ORG](http://WWW.KADENACHAPEL.ORG)

- Catholic:** Sun, 8:30 a.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Sun, 11:45 a.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Sun, 4 p.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Daily Mass, Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m., Chapel 1; Reconciliation, Sun, 3:15 p.m., Chapel 1
- Contemporary:** Sun, 10 a.m., Chapel 1
- Gospel:** Sun, 10:30 a.m., Chapel 3
- Protestant Bible Institute:** Tues, 6 p.m., Chapel 1
- Traditional:** Sun, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 2
- Wiccan/Pagan:** Sat, 2 p.m., Bldg. 856

## MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- Catholic:** Sun, noon
- Contemporary:** Fri, 7 p.m.; Sun, 9 a.m.

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 VISIT: [WWW.MARINES.MIL/UNIT/MCBJAPAN/PAGES/AROUNDMCBJ/CHAPEL.ASPX](http://WWW.MARINES.MIL/UNIT/MCBJAPAN/PAGES/AROUNDMCBJ/CHAPEL.ASPX)

## Japanese phrase of the week:

"Gambare Nipon" (pronounced gam-ba-ray nee-pone)  
 It means, "Hang in there, Japan"

This slogan of encouragement is currently being used by Japanese people in light of the recent disaster.



## March 28 - April 1

**Rifle Range**  
**Cpl. Jared L. Hilton, Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 342**

**Pistol Range**  
**Maj. James Edwards, Marine Corps Base, 361**

**Master Sgt. Mark S. Hall, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 361**

# Bowling offers inexpensive, entertaining pastime

Story and photos by Cpl. Aaron Hostutler

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Whether pro-leaguers nearing a perfect 300 score or beginners with a 75-point average, bowling is a sport with benefits for all.

Bowling opportunities on Okinawa abound with bowling facilities on Camps Kinser, Foster, Futenma, Courtney, Hansen and Schwab as well as Kadena Air Base.

Marines and sailors often come to bowl because it offers great entertainment and a great place for social gatherings, according to Julia Mathews, an administrative assistant at the Camp Foster Bowling Center.

People bowl individually and in groups for a variety of reasons, Mathews said.

For Pat Lindsey, an air frame mechanic with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, the bowling alley offers an affordable avenue of recreation.

"I love coming down here with my friends. It's on base; it's cheap, and there are always good friends around," said Lindsey. "Even though it's not a team sport, and we're usually talking trash to each other the entire time; it still brings us closer together and builds camaraderie."

Lindsey said he and his friends usually visit the bowling alley about twice a month.

"Some units also use bowling as a team-building exercise," Mathews said. "I've seen units come in and keep track of everyone's score, and the person that bowls the highest score gets a day off. I can tell it really builds unit morale."

Bowling builds muscles in the arms and shoulders, stretches the upper and lower torso and keeps people active, Mathews said.

The bowling centers are also a place where people can mix with and enjoy the company of others, regardless of rank, in a social setting while enjoying a physical pastime, Mathews said.

"Get out of the barracks," Mathews said. "Come down to the bowling alley. You can interact with other people, make some new friends and maybe even join a league."

Marine Corps Community Services Okinawa is hosting a variety of bowling events at all locations throughout April.

For more information on bowling times and locations, visit [www.mccsokinawa.com](http://www.mccsokinawa.com). Bowling enthusiasts can also visit the MCCS Okinawa bowling Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mccsokinawa](http://www.facebook.com/mccsokinawa). bowling.



**Anthony Adoranto, an air frame mechanic with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, watches his ball slide down the lane at the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma bowling facility April 2.**



Marines and sailors across Okinawa bowl as an inexpensive pastime. Marine Corps Community Services bowling facilities across the island offer special events to promote the sport.